The CASE *of great Numbers of* SILK-WEAVERS, *as well* French *Proteſtants as* Engliſh, *who are Makers of* Luteſtrings *and* Alamodes Silks *in* Spittle-fields, *and other Parts of* England, *in relation to a Clauſe Offered by the* Luteſtring Company, *to be Incerted in the Cole Act, Concerning the Sealing the ſaid Silks.*

I. FIrſt, they are very ſenſible that there is conſiderable Quantities of *French* Luteſtrings, and Alamodes Imported into *England*, to the Prejudice of the ſaid Manufactury here, and are ready to Join with the Luteſtring Company in Petitioning the Honourable Houſe of Commons, to prevent the ſame for the future, being equally prejudiced by the ſaid Importation with the Luteſtring Company.

II. But it ſeems by the Clauſe, That the Intent of the ſaid Luteſtring Company is not only to prevent Importation of *French* Luteſtring, and Alamode, but to prevent all other Weavers (but what works to them) to make the ſaid Silks, contrary to a Clauſe inſerted in their Patent upon the Petition of the Weavers, that nothing therein contained ſhould be conſtrued to Obſtruct or Hinder the Weavers from making the ſame; or to that Effect.

III. The Clauſe offered by the ſaid Patentees is, That all Alamodes, and Luteſtrings ſhall be Seiz'd, and a Fine of 100 *l.* on thoſe in whoſe Cuſtody they are found that are not Seal'd at the Cuſtom-houſe, or by their Company.

IV. They know that they will Seal none at the Cuſtom-houſe, but what are Imported from beyond Seas, or ſeiz'd and condemned by Law, and the Luteſtring Company will Seal none, nor indeed can but what they make themſelves, and what is not Sealed is to be Forfeited, ſo that here will be all the Weavers in *England* that make the ſaid Silks, and are not of that Company (which are and would be a far greater Number than thoſe imployed by the Luteſtring Company) if they were not interrupted in their Lawful Callings; and if not Relieved by the Honourable Houſe, may be the Ruin of their Wives, Children and Families.

V. The ſaid Luteſtring Company will then oblige the ſaid Perſons to work to them at their own Prices, or to leave off working on the ſaid Silks, and by that means diſcourage the Growth of the Manufacture; and by Monopolizing to themſelves the Sole Dealing, and will ſet what Price they pleaſe on the ſaid Silks in prejudice of all the Subjects of *England*.

VI. Therefore, It is moſt humbly prayed, That there may ſome Proviſion be made, that may paſs with the ſaid Clauſe to appoint where thoſe Lutoſtrings and Alamodes ſhall be Sealed that are made in *England*, by Weavers that work for themſelves, and not for the Luteſtring Company; And that the ſame Penalty may be laid upon thoſe (that being Appointed) ſhall refuſe to Seal their Silks, as there is to be on them that do not Seal them at all.

THE CASE OF THE Weavers.